

Minutes
Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) North Corridor Metrorail Extension
NW 119th Street Station Planning Meeting
May 5, 2005

Michelle Simmons, Public Involvement Coordinator for Miami-Dade Transit, opened the meeting at 7:25 p.m., with an overview of the project and the need for public input from the community, its residents and businesses.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Dennis Lyzniak, P.E., Project Manager, of Parsons Transportation Group Described the Project:

- This is the Preliminary Engineering Phase in which citizens provide input and recommendations for initial design
- Meeting purpose is to gain neighborhood input of the project
- Commitment to the community and the two cities along the corridor, City of Miami Gardens and City of Opa-locka
- Provided the project schedule and a description of the 9-mile alignment along NW 27th Avenue from 82nd Street to 215th Street. He gave a briefing on each of the seven station location
- Alignment approved in 2004 by Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
- This phase will further define alignment, type of structure, columns, and other transit station features
- Consultant will put together a set of plans and submit to the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA), upon completion of this project phase in December 2005
- The next phase will be Final Design
- More complete project design information by December 6th

Jose Requejo, R.A., of Earth Tech, presentation focused on architectural input:

- Identify landmarks, Identify events
- Architecture and landscape elements
- The Urban Analysis Report
- Site planning
- Community involvement in station planning and design
- Give us your thoughts and ideas about the station site
- Good potential for development
- This phase will provide guidelines for final design

Ronald Frazier, AIA, also a project architectural consultant presented concepts of station design which would suggest an institutional look, yet educational and cultural concepts.

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- The station should not be obtrusive and unattractive. The design should incorporate some African designs. It should be well lit and require minimal upkeep. Color, etchings, patterns, should complement the college and the surrounding community.
- Hopefully color, graphics, forms can be incorporated into the design, rather than just a bland building. The apple orchard windscreens for example, are quite attractive.
- Higher education and diversity are certainly good themes.
- We need a safe, well lit waiting area that's pleasant to be around (a lot of lighting). Park like setting with waterfalls Tropical designs and patterns.
- It is a concept that if it should materialize, would surely change this neighborhood. In that event, the Miami-Dade College Station could be designed with a theme that represents the area's population. An "International" design with a Caribbean/African/American flavor would be great.

COMMUNITY CITIZEN CONCERNS:

1. Are you very sure that this project will take place? Will go forward?
2. There are things that don't happen and do happen, to bring more people into the community. I'm a homeowner. We don't have very much activity in our community.
3. Construction of transit system usually creates jobs. I live in this neighborhood. We are buying our houses. Some designs are beautiful. We have driveways. Consider looking at some of the nicer homes. Property value should rise with transit system.
4. I'd like patterns in the columns, very important: African colors, lots of landscaping and flowers.
5. Will 103rd Street Station cross over to Hialeah or I-95?
6. After station is built here at the college, what's going to happen to the Wendy's and Gas Station near behind school bus facility, north of 119th Street on NW 27th Avenue. How much property are you going to need – lots of apartment buildings?
7. Seems like the people east of 27th Avenue in this area will not be affected at all.

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8. Do you currently have a parking garage planned for Miami-Dade College?

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:30 p.m.

(Meeting Attendance attached—next page)

ATTENDANCE
MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT (MDT) NORTH CORRIDOR METRORAIL EXTENSION
NW 119th STREET STATION MEETING
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Pablo Aguilera, P.S. Systems, Inc.
Carlos Anderson
Shirley Anderson
Jeanette Blocker, Gragny Homeowners Association
Harold Braynon, CITT (Citizens Independent Transportation Trust)
Andrew Brown
Bill Dozier, Miami-Dade College, Architectural Department
Antonia Frazier, Transit Coalition
Rudean Gillard, Tri-Community Homeowners Association
Valerie Harris
Richard Johnson, Little River Homeowners Association
Ken Kau
Maria Christina Mateo, Miami-Dade College, Office of the President
Rosie McDuffie, Tri-Community Homeowner Association
Jerald McQueen, Cynergy Data
Doretha Nicholson, Westview CDC
Helen Wierwinski, Gragny Homeowners Association
Xavier Pierre, Cynergy Data
Celita E. Wright

Staff:

Dennis Lyzniak, Parsons Transportation Group
Mario Garcia, MDT
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Michelle Simmons, MDT - PIO
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Jose Requejo, Earth Tech
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